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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, ECON  
SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT

REF: OTTAWA 486

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1. OPPOSITION MP'S USED UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES RELEASED FEBRUARY 8 TO PROD GOC IN PARLIAMENT ON INSTITUTING NEW EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES AND/OR BUDGETARY MEASURES TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT. USING UNADJUSTED FIGURE OF 889,000 UNEMPLOYED IN JANUARY, OPPOSITION CRITICIZED GOC FOR FAILURE CREATE NEW JOBS.
2. NDP LEADER BROADBENT, WHO HAS BEEN ATTACKING LIBERAL GOVERNMENT ON EMPLOYMENT ISSUE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, CALLED FOR EMERGENCY COMMONS DEBATE ON UNEMPLOYMENT, BUT SPEAKER JAMES JEROME RULED AGAINST HIM ON BASIS THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WAS "CONTINUING CONCERN," NOT EMERGENCY.

3. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ON FEBRUARY 9 ALSO HEADLINED
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"RECORD" JOBLESS NUMBER OF 889,000, WHICH, ACCORDING TO PAPERS, WAS HIGHEST RECORDED SINCE LABOR STATISTICS BEGAN TO BE COLLECTED IN 1953.

4. CLC PRESIDENT JOE MORRIS ADDED TO CRITICISM OF GOC ECONOMIC RESTRAINT PROGRAM WITH PRESS RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 9 TERMING UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES "WORST RECORD

IN DECADES" AND AGAIN CALLING FOR LIFTING OF CONTROLS.  
HE ALSO SAID CLC WOULD MOUNT DRIVE BY PROVINCIAL  
FEDERATIONS OF LABOR TO CONVINCE PROVINCIAL GOVERN-  
MENTS NOT TO RENEW THEIR AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT ON CONTROLS.

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5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES SUBJECT  
TO MORE COMPLEX INTERPRETATION THAN GOVERNMENT CRITICS  
WOULD ADMIT (E.G., METHODOLOGY OF SAMPLING TECHNIQUE,  
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS, PARTICIPATION RATE,  
ETC.), CLEARLY OPPOSITION INTENDS USE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT  
FIGURES AS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF ALLEGED GOC BAD  
ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND WILL CONTINUE PRESSURE ON GOC  
TO LIFT CONTROLS AND/OR STIMULATE ECONOMY.  
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